

REMARKS

Claim 4 remains in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 have been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended. Claim 4 is in independent form.

In the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2005, the Examiner stated that claim 4 of the above-captioned application would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim, claim 1, and any intervening claims. In Applicant's amendment dated January 12, 2005, claim 4 was rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 1. In the Advisory Action, claim 4 was allowed but the amendments were not entered since the Examiner determined that the proposed amendments to claim 1 raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In this Amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 4 in independent form including the limitations of the base claim, claim 1, in order to place the above-captioned application in condition for allowance.

It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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